

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When the CEO of a public media company makes a decision to use the airwaves he controls to deliver a one-sided blatantly partisan message weeks before a highly contested election, there is something seriously wrong with the values on which this country was based.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. We need more freedom of the press, not less of it. And we need to provide local stations with the power they need to make their own local choices, rather than have their programming dictated by powerful people with personal interests.

Thank you.